



# LESSON PLAN: "FIRSTGOV FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS"

**GRADES:** 9–12

**TIME:** 1 hour or less

**SUBJECT:** Government Information in Daily Life

This is an activity that will familiarize youth with the FirstGov.gov website. FirstGov.gov provides links to Federal sites along with some of best sites from other organizations-all grouped by subject. Students will use the worksheet provided to search for answers on FirstGov.gov. This fun and dynamic activity will provide young citizens with information and skills that will be beneficial today, and for the rest of the lives.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

### **Short Term—**

- To develop an awareness of FirstGov.gov and its usefulness.
- To improve Internet search skills.

### **Long Term—**

- To build student confidence by empowering them with search skills and a central portal to the Federal government.

## **MATERIALS:**

Access to the Internet to search FirstGov.gov (at home or in class as a group) and a copy of the activity worksheet.

## **PROCEDURES:**

Give each student an activity sheet and have him or her answer the ten questions by using FirstGov.gov (the instructions are also given on the activity page). Questions include multiple choice, true/false, and fill-in-the-blank. Use the answers to spark discussion. For example, was there more than one way to find an answer? How is this information going to be useful in everyday life?

## **ANSWERS:**

For a teacher's copy of the answers, please contact us at [www.pueblo.gsa.gov/emailus.htm](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/emailus.htm). Include your name, school, e-mail address, and "FirstGov High Schoolers" in your message.

## **EVALUATION:**

Each answer is worth 10 points.